

NEWS

Highland, New York
April 28, 1960

**TEEN-AGE SMOKING
DISCUSSED IN
HEALTH CLASSES**

R. Moran, Coordinator of Health and Safety Education for Ulster County Schools, announced that BOCES area schools are presenting information on the effects of the smoking habit to high school students. Onteora and Wallkill Central Schools will complete their health instruction before the Easter vacation, and the other schools will continue this important special program upon their return.

Through the cooperation of Mr. Paul T. Runge, Director of Secondary Education at Onteora, two hundred students were presented with scientific facts on the relationship between the smoking habit and lung cancer by their teachers in science and health classes. The sound film strip "To Smoke Or Not To Smoke?", a pamphlet entitled "Shall I Smoke?" and a chart "More Cigarettes—More Lung Cancer" supplied by the Ulster County Chapter of the American Cancer Society were used in the classrooms.

Miss Carolyn Moore and Mr. Vincent DeAngelis, Physical Education and Health teachers, and Mr. Brian Brent, the Biology teacher at the Wallkill High School are presenting the same program to their students. The classroom approach to the teen-age smoking problem is the best, because it allows for the best possible degree

of retention of knowledge and its practical application to every day living.

Available information indicates that while the death rate for all purposes during the last 30 years has decreased, the lung cancer rate has mounted rapidly. There were 2,500 deaths from lung cancer in 1930; 11,000 in 1945, and it is estimated there will be 36,000 for 1960, according to the American Cancer Society figures. There is no doubt that this major health problem needs the attention of all of us.

Prevention is the best protection. The best way for our teen-age population to avoid becoming lung cancer victims is to not take up smoking. Once the habit is developed, it is difficult for most people to give up smoking.

DEMOCRAT
Sherman, Texas
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THAT IS THE QUESTION. A half-hour film-strip, "To smoke or not to smoke", is being made available by the American Cancer Society to high schools, Parent-Teacher groups, civic and church organizations. The strip presents the evidence linking cigarette smoking with lung cancer. The object is to teach the child before he becomes an addict.

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POST
Waterford, Wisconsin
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**Cancer Society To
Tell Teeners About
Hazard of Smoking**

A widespread program to inform teen-agers on the relative health hazards of cigarette smoking has been launched by the American Cancer Society, Wisconsin Division Inc., it was announced recently.

The program includes a filmstrip kit for class room use which is being made available to school and youth groups through the organized County Units of the Society. The program is prompted by the rapid increase in lung cancer and the many statistical and empirical studies which have been reported in recent years and months concerning the correlation between heavy cigarette smoking and lung cancer.

Speaking for the Wisconsin Division, Paul M. Cunningham, M. D., Appleton, Chairman of the Public Information Committee said, "Since cigarette smoking is a personal habit, the American Cancer Society feels that the answer to the problem is one of education. It has also become apparent that the greatest hope for advancement lies in reaching individuals at the time they are considering starting this habit. Therefore, the kit entitled, "To Smoke or Not to Smoke" is aimed at the teen-age population. It utilizes a "teaching rather than preaching" approach and seeks to offer all available data existing today in regard to the health implications of the smoking habit. The materials are offered at no cost to schools and youth groups by County Units of the American Cancer Society and are made possible by support received during the annual April Crusade for funds."

DISPATCH
Columbus, Ohio
June 24, 1960

**Facts About Smoking
Provided for Schools**

A new half-hour film-strip presentation, "To Smoke or Not to Smoke," is now available to all Columbus junior high schools for use in the fall, Franklin County Unit of the American Cancer Society has announced.

Chaney D. Ross, in discussing the American Cancer Society's approach to the problem of teenage smoking, said: "We are trying to teach the child before he becomes an addict."

The aim of the current "To Smoke or Not to Smoke" presentation is to teach teen-agers the facts about smoking. The film-strip reviews evidence linking cigarette smoking with lung cancer.

In addition to providing the film to the 83 Franklin County junior high schools, the society is offering it to PTA groups, civic and church organizations.

NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM & SUN
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**Find Regular Smoking
By 26% in High School**

United Press International.

LOS ANGELES, June 3.—Twenty-six percent of the students in United States high schools are regular smokers and nearly three times that number have experimented with smoking.

The trend is for boys and girls to start smoking at a younger age, even while in grade school.

These figures were revealed today in a nationwide survey of 4329 high school students by Eugene Gilbert and Co., a private youth survey organization, made for the American

Cancer Society.

Although no connection between lung cancer and teen-age smoking habits was drawn from the survey, it will be used as part of a study to determine if such a relationship does exist.

Only 28.2 per cent of the students questioned never have smoked.

The survey showed that of the 1197 students classified as regular smokers — those who smoke just about every day — that 22.4 percent of them smoke a pack or more of cigarettes daily.

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